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AVOIDANCE	

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**A. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Responsive to the Office Action of March 25, 2005, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the outstanding rejections and reexamination of the present application in light of the following amendments and remarks.